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Hugh McDonald, of the Los Angeles County sheriff's police, holds Identi-Kits with faces of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Russian Premier

Nikita Khrushchev as Courtney Owens (right), a representative of firm that manufactures kits, fashions likeness of McDonald with another kit.

Little Kit Gives Faces To Wanted Criminals

41 Cops Learning to Piece Together Noses, Chins, Ears

BY JACK LAVIN

Chicago police may soon be equipped with handy little kits of noses, chins, eyes, ears and wrinkles.

When put together properly, they form the face of a wanted man.

Developed by a Los Angeles County policeman, it's called the Identi-Kit.

It consists of 512 pictures of different parts of the face.

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FORTY-ONE Chicago area policemen are learning how to use the Identi-Kit at a five-day school in the Morrison hotel.

The kit includes 52 chins, ranging from weak to noble; 102 eyes, including crossed, squinty, popped and watery; 88 lips, some grim, others droopy, tight or sensuous, and 32 noses, from pug to banana size.

There are 80 eyebrows, raised, plucked, or furrowed; 126 hairlines, receding, intelligent, or non-existent; 25 sets of wrinkles, humorous, deep, or tired; 25 beards and mustaches, and 25 hats.

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HUGH C. McDONALD, who developed the kit, said the system works this way:

After a crime, witnesses provide a description of the criminal and police fit the pieces together to form a face.

The kit can form as many as 62 billion different faces.

The description can be wired or telephoned to other police

departments using the kit, because each piece is coded.

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